

Remarks

As originally filed the present application had a total of 39 claims. Claims 3-39 have been cancelled herein and new claims 40-59 have been added. Of the new claims, 40-57 closely correspond to claims that were originally present in the application and are all properly dependent, directly or indirectly, on claim 1. Claim 58 corresponds to original claim 36, which was among the claims in Applicants' elected restriction group. Claim 59 corresponds to original claim 37. This was not in the elected restriction group but is a process claim that the Examiner indicated may be subject to rejoinder upon issuance of the elected claims. Thus, Applicants have not cancelled this claim but have marked it as "Withdrawn-new" which is a permitted status identifier (see MPEP §714).

Conclusion

In light of the amendments made herein, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (240) 864-0915.

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